GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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MANUAL LOADING AND MECHANISED EXTRACTION OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the present mix of manual loading vis-a-vis mechanised extraction of coal so far underground mining is concerned;

(b) whether the Government have decided to discard manual loading for underground mine works by 2005-06; and

(c) if so, the manner in which it is likely to be achieved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a) Presently, there are 326 underground mines in Coal India Limited including 31 mixed mines (underground + opencast), out of which 200 underground mines are equipped with Side Discharge Loader (SDL)/Load Haul Dumper (LHD) and 6 underground mines with powered support longwall sets. In remaining 120 mines, coal is loaded manually.

(b) & (c) Coal India Limited is discouraging opening of new manual districts in underground mines. In view of economic and safety consideration of manual loading operations, SDLs/LHDs are proposed to be deployed in more and more mines replacing manual loading.